

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-14, 19-29, 31-33, 36-37, 39, 42, and 44 as set forth below.

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) ~~A single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~, comprising:
 - a motor;
 - ~~a shaft operationally connected to the motor;~~
 - a motor housing ~~supported by the shaft~~ defining an interior space, said
motor being positioned within said interior space; and
 - a fan blade having a first end portion being positioned in direct contact
with ~~extending from the~~ a portion of said motor housing;
 - wherein ~~at least a portion of the fan blade is coincident with the housing~~
said motor is operable to rotate in unison (i) said portion of said motor housing,
and (ii) said fan blade in a recirculating path of movement.

2. (Currently amended) A ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~, comprising:
a motor;
~~a shaft connected to the motor;~~
a motor housing ~~supported by the shaft~~ defining an interior space, said motor being positioned within said interior space; and
a fan blade having a first end portion being positioned in direct contact with ~~extending from the~~ a portion of said motor housing;
~~stabilizing means~~ a stabilizer extending from the said motor housing ~~for stabilizing and configured to stabilize~~ the rotating weight of the blade upon rotation of the fan;
wherein ~~the stabilizing means~~ said stabilizer depends extends from the fan blade and is positioned in direct contact with said motor housing, and
wherein said motor is operable to rotate in unison (i) said portion of said motor housing, (ii) said fan blade, and (iii) said stabilizer.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 2 wherein the fan blade is positioned in direct contact with an outer surface of and the motor housing ~~are coincident~~.

4. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 2 wherein the blade further comprises:
an elongated arcuate body having a hollow end with an opening; and
a blade end positioned opposite the hollow end.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 4 ~~wherein the fan blade and the housing are coincident, and wherein the hollow end of the blade end~~ elongate arcuate body extends ~~extend~~ from generally opposing sides of the motor housing.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 4 further comprising a cover ~~for covering~~ configured to cover the opening.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 5 wherein the fan blade has a leading edge and a trailing edge, and wherein the fan blade ~~that~~ progressively tapers from the ~~hollow end to the bladed end~~ leading edge to the trailing edge.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 6 wherein the fan blade has a leading edge and a trailing edge, and wherein the fan blade ~~that~~ progressively tapers from the ~~hollow end to the bladed end~~ leading edge to the trailing edge.

9. (Currently amended) A blade mounting arrangement for a ceiling fan of the type that typically includes a downrod for supporting the fan from the ceiling, a motor, a motor housing in which the motor is positioned, a shaft coupled to the motor for turning the shaft about the shaft's longitudinal axis, and fan blades mounted for rotation to the fan at spaced positions circumscribing the shaft, wherein, upon rotation, the blades define a circle of rotation, and the fan achieves a center of rotational gravity that lies on the shaft's longitudinal axis as a result, the blade mounting arrangement comprising:

a first fan blade directly attached to said motor housing ~~connected for rotation to the fan~~ and extending in one semicircle of rotation, wherein upon rotation of the first fan blade, a center of rotational gravity is produced which lies outside the ~~vertical~~ shaft's longitudinal axis ~~of the rotating fan~~.

10. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 9 further comprising a stabilizing ~~member~~ structure extending from the fan motor housing ~~in a second semicircle of rotation relative to the first fan blade~~, wherein the stabilizing ~~member~~ structure stabilizes the rotating weight of the first fan blade upon rotation of the fan blade and stabilizing structure such that the center of rotational gravity of the fan blade and stabilizing structure is coincident with the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

11. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 10 further comprising a second fan blade directly attached to said motor housing ~~connected for rotation to the fan and extending from the fan~~ and arranged in the one semicircle of rotation, wherein the stabilizing ~~member~~ structure stabilizes the rotating weight of the first and the second fan blades upon rotation of the first fan blade, the second fan blade, and the stabilizing structure such that the center of rotational gravity of the first fan blade, the second fan blade, and the stabilizing structure is coincident with the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

12. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 9 10 further comprising a plurality of fan blades directly attached to the motor housing ~~connected for rotation to the fan~~ and extending from the fan motor housing in the one semicircle of rotation, wherein the stabilizing ~~member~~ structure stabilizes the rotating weight of the plurality of fan blades upon rotation of the first fan blade, the stabilizing structure, and the plurality of fan blades such that the center of rotational gravity of the first fan blade, the stabilizing structure, and the plurality of fan blades lies on the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

13. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 11 9 ~~further comprising a motor housing supported by the shaft, wherein the motor~~ housing has an upper casing and a lower casing, and wherein the lower casing is free to rotate about the longitudinal axis relative to the upper casing.

14. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 11 wherein the stabilizing structure includes further comprising first and second stabilizing members components extending from the motor housing, said first and second stabilizing components being spaced apart from each other, ~~extending from the shaft in the second semicircle of rotation,~~ wherein the first and second stabilizing ~~members~~ components stabilize the rotating weight of the first and second fan blades upon rotation of the first fan blade, the second fan blade, and the stabilizing structure such that the center of rotational gravity of the first fan blade, the second fan blade, and the stabilizing structure lies on the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

15. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 13 wherein the upper casing has an air duct formed therein.

16. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 13 wherein the lower casing has an air duct formed therein.

17. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 15 further comprising at least one bore extending through the exterior surface of the upper casing for accommodating a light bulb socket in which resides a light bulb, wherein the light bulb is contained substantially within the housing and provides illumination upwardly through the bore.

18. (original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 16 further comprising at least one bore extending through the exterior surface of the upper casing for accommodating a light bulb socket in which resides a light bulb, wherein the light bulb is contained substantially within the housing and provides illumination upwardly through the bore.

19. (Currently amended) A ~~single bladed ceiling fan assembly,~~
comprising:
a motor;
~~a rotatable shaft connected to the motor;~~
a motor housing ~~supported by the shaft~~ defining an interior space, said
motor being positioned within said interior space; and
a fan blade having a first end portion being positioned in direct contact
with ~~extending from the~~ a portion of said motor housing;
wherein ~~at least a portion of the fan blade is coincident with the housing~~
said motor is operable to rotate in a recirculating path of movement both (i) said
portion of said motor housing, and (ii) said fan blade; and
wherein the blade further comprises an elongated arcuate body that
tapers from one end to its other end.

20. (Currently amended) A ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~,
comprising:
a motor;
~~a rotatable shaft connected to the motor;~~
a motor housing ~~supported by the shaft~~ defining an interior space, said
motor being positioned within said interior space; and
a fan blade having a first end portion being positioned in direct contact
with a portion of ~~extending from~~ the housing;
wherein ~~at least a portion of said fan blade is coincident with the housing~~
said motor is operable to rotate in a recirculating path of movement both (i) the
portion of the motor housing, and (ii) said fan blade, and
wherein the fan blade has a cross-section that progressively tapers from a
leading edge to a trailing edge.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of claim
20 wherein the fan blade further comprising is configured as an elongated
arcuate body that tapers from one end to its other end.

22. (Currently amended) A ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~,
comprising:
a motor;
~~a rotatable shaft connected to the motor;~~
a motor housing having an upper casing and a lower casing, said motor housing supported by the shaft defining an interior space, and said motor being positioned within said interior space; and
a fan blade ~~extending from the housing~~ having a first end portion that is positioned in direct contact with said lower casing of said motor housing;
wherein ~~at least a portion of the fan blade is coincident with the housing~~
said motor is operable to rotate in unison (i) the lower casing of the motor housing, and (ii) the fan blade
~~wherein the housing further comprises an upper casing and a lower casing; and~~
~~wherein the lower casing is free to rotate about an axis relative to the upper casing.~~

23. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 22 wherein the fan blade further comprising is configured as an elongated arcuate body that tapers from one end to its other end.

24. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan assembly~~ of Claim 23 wherein the upper casing has an air duct formed therein.

25. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan~~ assembly of Claim 23 wherein the lower casing has an air duct formed therein.

26. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan~~ assembly of Claim 24 further comprising at least one bore extending through ~~the~~ an exterior surface of the upper casing for accommodating a light bulb socket in which resides a light bulb, wherein the light bulb is contained substantially within the housing and provides illumination upwardly through the bore.

27. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan~~ assembly of Claim 25 further comprising at least one bore extending through ~~the~~ an exterior surface of the upper casing for accommodating a light bulb socket in which resides a light bulb, wherein the light bulb is contained substantially within the housing and provides illumination upwardly through the bore.

28. (Currently amended) The ~~single-bladed ceiling fan~~ assembly of Claim 27 wherein the upper casing has an air duct formed therein.

29. (Currently amended) A blade mounting arrangement for a ceiling fan having a downrod for supporting the fan from the ceiling, a motor, a shaft connected to the motor and defining a longitudinal axis, a motor housing in which the motor is positioned ~~supported by the shaft~~, and fan blades mounted for rotation to the fan at spaced positions circumscribing the shaft, wherein, upon rotation, the blades define a circle of rotation, and the fan achieves a center of rotational gravity that lies on the shaft's longitudinal axis as a result, the blade mounting arrangement comprising:

at least two fan blades each being directly attached to the motor housing ~~connected for rotation to the fan~~ and extending in one semicircle of rotation;

a stabilizing member extending from the fan in a second semicircle of rotation relative to the at least two fan blades;

wherein the stabilizing member stabilizes the rotating weight of the blades upon rotation of the fan such that the center of rotational gravity of the fan lies on the longitudinal axis of the shaft; and

wherein the at least two fan blades further comprise an elongated arcuate body that tapers from one end to the other.

30. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 29 wherein each of the at least two fan blades has a cross-section that progressively tapers from a leading edge to a trailing edge.

31. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 29 ~~further comprising a motor housing supported by the shaft, wherein~~ the housing ~~having~~ has an upper casing and a lower casing, and wherein the lower casing is free to rotate about the longitudinal axis relative to the upper casing.

32. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 30 wherein each of the at least two blades ~~further comprising~~ is configured as an elongated arcuate body that tapers from one end to its other end.

33. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 31 wherein each of the at least two blades ~~further comprising~~ is configured as an elongated arcuate body that tapers from one end to its other end.

34. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 33 wherein the upper casing has an air duct formed therein.

35. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 33 wherein the lower casing has an air duct formed therein.

36. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 34 further comprising at least one bore extending through ~~the~~ an exterior surface of the upper casing for accommodating a light bulb socket in which resides a light

bulb, wherein the light bulb is contained substantially within the housing and provides illumination upwardly through the bore.

37. (Currently amended) The blade mounting arrangement of Claim 35 further comprising at least one bore extending through ~~the~~ an exterior surface of the upper casing for accommodating a light bulb socket in which resides a light bulb, wherein the light bulb is contained substantially within the housing and provides illumination upwardly through the bore.

38. (Original) The blade mounting arrangement of claim 37 wherein the upper casing has an air duct formed therein.

39. (Currently amended) A blade mounting arrangement for a ceiling fan ~~having of the type that typically includes a downrod for supporting the fan from the ceiling,~~ a motor, a shaft rotatably connected to the motor and defining a longitudinal axis, a motor housing in which the motor is positioned ~~supported by the shaft,~~ and fan blades mounted for rotation to the fan at spaced positions circumscribing the shaft, wherein, upon rotation, the blades define a circle of rotation, and the fan achieves a center of rotational gravity that lies on the shaft's longitudinal axis as a result, the blade mounting arrangement comprising:

at least two fan blades each being directly connected to the motor housing ~~connected for rotation to the fan~~ and extending in one semicircle of rotation;

a stabilizing member extending from the fan in a second semicircle of rotation relative to the at least two fan blades, wherein the stabilizing member stabilizes the rotating weight of the blades upon rotation of the fan such that the center of rotational gravity of the fan lies on the longitudinal axis of the shaft; and,

the at least two fan blades having a cross-section that progressively tapers from a leading edge to a trailing edge.

40. (Original) A blade mounting arrangement for a ceiling fan of the type that typically includes a downrod for supporting the fan from the ceiling, a motor, a shaft rotatably connected to the motor so that the motor can turn the shaft about the shaft's longitudinal axis, a motor housing supported by the shaft, and fan blades mounted for rotation to the fan at spaced positions circumscribing the shaft, wherein, upon rotation, the blades define a circle of rotation, and the fan achieves a center of rotational gravity that lies on the shaft's longitudinal axis as a result, the blade mounting arrangement comprising:

at least two fan blades asymmetrically connected for rotation to the fan and extending in one semicircle of rotation;

a stabilizing member extending from the fan in a second semicircle of rotation relative to the at least two fan blades, wherein the stabilizing member stabilizes the rotating weight of the blades upon rotation of the fan such that the center of rotational gravity of the fan lies on the longitudinal axis of the shaft; and,

a motor housing supported by the shaft, the housing having an upper casing and a lower casing, wherein the lower casing is free to rotate about the longitudinal axis relative to said upper casing.

41. (Original) A single bladed ceiling fan comprising:
a fan motor;
a shaft rotatably connected to the motor;
a motor housing substantially enclosing the motor;
a single fan blade extending from the housing; and
a non-blade stabilizer extending from the housing;
wherein the non-blade stabilizer stabilizes the rotating weight of the single fan blade upon actuation of the motor.

42. (Currently amended) The single bladed ceiling fan of claim 41,
wherein the non-blade stabilizer ~~stabilizing means~~ depends from the fan blade.

43. (Original) An asymmetrically bladed ceiling fan comprising:
a fan motor;
a shaft rotatably connected to the motor and defining a vertical axis;
a motor housing substantially enclosing the motor;
a first fan blade extending from the housing;
a second fan blade extending from the housing;
a first non-blade stabilizer extending from the housing for stabilizing the rotating weight of the fan blades upon actuation of the motor;
wherein the stabilizer is non-coincident with the first fan blade;
wherein the stabilizer is non-coincident with the second fan blade; and

wherein the first and second fan blades are asymmetrically positioned relative to the vertical axis.

44. (Currently amended) The asymmetrically bladed ceiling fan of claim 43 further comprising a second non-bladed stabilizer extending from the housing ~~for stabilizing the rotating weight of the fan blades upon actuation of the motor.~~

45. (Original) An asymmetrically bladed ceiling fan comprising:
a fan motor;
a shaft rotatably connected to the motor and defining a vertical axis;
a motor housing substantially enclosing the motor;
a first fan blade extending from the housing;
a second fan blade extending from the housing; and
a first non-blade stabilizer extending from the housing;
wherein the fan motor is spaced from the ceiling; and
wherein the first and second blades intersect nonlinearly.

46. (Original) The asymmetrically bladed ceiling fan of claim 45 wherein the stabilizer is non-coincident with the first fan blade and wherein the stabilizer is non-coincident with the second fan blade.

47. (Original) The asymmetrically bladed ceiling fan of claim 45 wherein the first non-blade stabilizer stabilizes the rotating weight of the fan blades upon actuation of the motor.